

Figure 1: Firefighters hike in to the Iron East Fire in Washington

Initial attack was light today, with zero new fires in Washington and seven in Oregon, for two acres burned. Of the ongoing large fires, Crescent Mountain, McLeod and Klondike are seeing fire activity, with fire spread and intensity moderating. Parts of all active fires are in mop-up, patrol and suppression repair. Transitions and de-mob of resources are ongoing throughout the region.

Initial information about potential ESF4 hurricane support is beginning to be disseminated, with general questions of resource availability. FEMA is activating a response center and the Southern area regional cache is requesting chainsaws in anticipation of post-hurricane needs.

FIRE WEATHER AND FIRE ENVIRONMENT

Fire potential outlooks continue to moderate as short-wave troughs move in from the Pacific. Areas with dryer fuels, including parts of southern/eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, may still support active fire when conditions align.

Today some lightning was observed on the Washington-Canada border, and wind gusts in excess of 30 mph are occurring in mountain gaps and east of Cascades. Thunderstorms forecast for Wednesday and Thursday will mostly remain in the eastern portions of the region and mostly be wet. While fuels remain dry in areas, particularly southwest Oregon, fine fuels are becoming less available to burn as nighttime humidity recovery improves.

MEDIA

A note on an incident within an incident on the Miriam Fire, on August 23: The following Rapid Lessons Sharing document offers background, safety analysis, and lessons learned from an active shooter incident that occurred during the fire. An investigation continues regarding the incident. Two hunters were cited for violating a closure order.

Background: Rapid Lesson Sharing, Lessons Learned Center. "Shooting Incident. Miriam Fire. August 23, 2018." <https://www.wildfirelessons.net/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=bbc1d589-abfe-2f45-e2a9-860ba73b4ba5&forceDialog=0>

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Ongoing large incidents:

Large Incidents—Washington *Please see the Inciweb links for updates on these fires.*
Crescent Mountain/McLeod/Holman Fires:

- [Crescent Mountain Fire](#) 51,363 acres, 39% contained. All evacuation orders were lifted.
- [McLeod Fire](#) 22,743 acres, 43%

Cougar Creek Fire: 42,687 acres, 78% contained

- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6053/>

Large Incidents - Oregon

Klondike Fire: 132,420 acres, 51% contained. Bear Camp Road is reopened for local traffic and permit-holders. <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5998/>.

Terwilliger Fire: 10,944 acres, 66% contained

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160/>

Natchez Fire: 32,298 acres, 78%

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5948/>.

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